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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shuji SAITOH et al.**

Serial Number: **09/147,052**

Art Unit: **1645**

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Examiner: **HINES,**

For: **NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 18, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2001 for two months from January 19, 2002 to March 19, 2002.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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